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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Albanian Operation - Albanian IS Activities in Connection with the Committee for Free Albania

1. A source considered of the highest reliability reports that the Albanian Intelligence Service has received its principal coverage of activities of the Committee for Free Albania in Italy through Professor Sotir Kosmo, who is resident in Rome. Professor Kosmo, a member of the E.K.I., reportedly receives a monthly salary of 50,000 lire from the Albanian Intelligence Service.

2. Kosmo is reported to have kept the Albanian Legation in Rome completely informed on the formation of the Committee for Free Albania, its composition, and the relations of the Committee with the British and Americans. He is also reported to have kept the Albanian Legation informed of the recruitment of Albanian elements at Bari by Abas Kupi, and of Albanian emigre contacts with Colonel William MacLean.

3. In connection with operations mounted against Albania, source reported that, after his arrival in Italy in August 1949, he learned that an anti-Communist group, which had been infiltrated into Albania from Italy, had been captured in the Valona area and its members executed.

4. It is requested that no action whatsoever be taken based upon this information without prior consultation with OSO. This is considered essential in view of the sensitive nature of the operation through which this information was procured.

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